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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 20 December 1965

Mr. Helms was in the chair as Acting DCI.

[redacted] of OCI gave a background briefing on disorders [redacted] yesterday. Conclusion was that the outlook for stability and disarming rebel elements appears bleak. R. J. Smith noted tasking arrangements to deal with [redacted] developments around the clock involving all interested complements of the Agency working through the Operations Center. (See Action 1)

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[redacted] noted current CIB items relating to the situation in [redacted] where the army continues to gain the upper hand [redacted]

Kent noted that there are two NIE's for USIB consideration this week. Both have been circulated for telephone approval by USIB. If the NIE's are agreed to, there will be no USIB meeting this week. In the event of approval by USIB, Kent is to meet with the acting chairman of USIB to discuss the papers before they are issued. It was noted that Smith in Cline's absence will be the CIA member of USIB.

Houston noted receipt of a letter from Representative Boggs, Chairman of a Congressional economic subcommittee. Boggs requests a CIA paper on the Soviet economy. This is in accordance with tradition and will be prepared and supplied to the subcommittee.

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25X1 [redacted] for DD/S&T reported on the briefing of Senator Morse concerning the work of [redacted] Morse intends to pursue this subject with "intelligence authorities" [redacted] CIA and NSA will coordinate on a meeting with the Senator. CIA will take the initiative in making arrangements for a meeting with him.

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25X1 [redacted] reported that [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] He noted that a USAF task team dealing
25X1 with [redacted] is in position on the [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] noted that Wheelon is in [redacted] this morning. He
25X1 will be joined there today by Houston for further discussions with
[redacted]

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ADDP reported the flight of an [redacted] this morning.
Return is scheduled for later this afternoon. *Returned safely.*

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ADDP noted a series of substantive briefing sessions involving
[redacted] and Representative Moorhead.

Executive Director reported receipt of a letter to the DCI from Tom Hughes commending a recent ORR study of interzonal trade in East Germany.

Executive Director noted the forthcoming meeting of GEHA in the Agency auditorium on 27 January. It was requested that word of this meeting be passed at Agency staff meetings to ensure representation of two or three people from each Agency Office or Division.

Executive Director reported that Mr. Convisser has been designated as the BOB's budget examiner for CIA.

Executive Director reported on the upshot of DCI discussions with BOB on the budget for Fiscal Year 1967. He described the status of funds for the reserve. The President has approved the CIA budget. Mr. Helms stated that it is his view that the budget provides us with sufficient money to do the job.

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A/DCI noted that the Executive Director will be away on 21 and 22 December.

ACTIONS:

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DD/I is requested to ensure publication by the Operations Center of sitreps on trouble spots [redacted] during week-end and holiday periods. (DD/I)

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2. Houston is requested to prepare a list of the Senator Mansfield Congressional delegation and the itinerary, setting forth places visited during the delegation's recent travel. Houston is further requested to make arrangements with Senator Mansfield [redacted]

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3. OGC is requested to take steps to ensure that Carl Rowan's article which appeared in the Washington Star yesterday is printed in the Congressional Record. (OGC - Status report by 24 December)

DD/P is requested to send the Rowan article [redacted] and to include biographic information on Rowan. (DD/P - In the course of the day)

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5. Those who attend the DCI's Morning Meeting and their alternates or deputies are to keep the Office of the Executive Director as well as the Watch Office advised of leave plans and whereabouts during the next two weeks, which are marked by holiday periods. (All)

6. A/DCI noted the convenience and logic of ensuring that the Watch Office is made a focal point for the passing of information to key Agency officials, and he asked that all components use the Watch Office for this purpose to the maximum extent feasible. (All)

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L. K. White

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